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Thinking Out Loud

H. M. L.

Benefactors we often think of as people with a great deal of money who give a part of it away to help those who have little or no money to obtain food, books. better music, an education, or a view of some of the great masters' paintings. Of course there are many benefactors and many benefactions of that kind in this country, more so than in any other country, not only absolutely, but in proportion to the country's wealth and population. The University of California is in part supported by benefactions of people who give large sums to it while alive or leave generous bequests to it when they depart this world. Golden Gate park has beautiful monuments and buildings contributed by private donors. The national life has been enriched by Carnegie libraries and the Rockefeller Institute.

As a recipient of benefactions of a high order, Nevada City probably outranks most other communities of its size in California. By that we do mean or limit benefactions to money gifts devoted to some special purpose only, but include those benefactions which flow from unselfish and devoted leadership toward goals of cultural community betterment. It is stimulating to good citizenship and community pride to think that two women so loved Nevada City that in their wills they left money for college scholarships for worthy graduates of the high school.

From a long range view, it may easily prove that it is as important to endow poor, serious and hard working students in the high school with the means of continuing their education in higher seats of learninf, as it is to build new school buildings to care for growing numbers and needs of our school children. The Hauber fund of $5.000 and the Fred W. Bradley Memorial fund of $15,000 requeathed by Mrs. Virginia S. Bradley in memory of her distinguished son, gives Nevada City's high school an unusually large endowment for scholarships. Only a few of us can emulate these two benefactors who took this means to aid Nevada City's youth to wider horizons of service, but there is a field in which many may, in personal devotion and leadership, help to raise the cultural standards of the community.

From any hilltop at night this week one may look out over Nevada City and behold a beautiful spectacle. It is the living Christmas trees that glow in many colors beneath the lowering sky and illumine the black night. These trees and shrubs with their bright colors did not just happen. They were first a thought, an idea. Someone, somewhere, had the idea of saving in some measure the young forests that each Christmas are hacked down to enhance the Christmas holiday in millions of homes. That thought of saving the young trees has not been so urgent lately because under the Forest Service no young trees are sacrificed [illegible] should not be. But the beauty [illegible] night time illumined by out[illegible] trees, in thousands of [illegible], continues its cumulat[illegible] Each year there are more [illegible]stmas trees, and few cit[illegible]ively, are more lighted in [illegible]anner than Nevada City.

On Christmas eve, a large group of trained singers sang carols in different parts of Nevada City. It was a delightful innovation. Fresh young voices caroling the old, old songs of English custom and Christian legend is a colorful and splendid corolary to the living Christmas trees. Life lifts a little from the humdrum and wearisome details of everyday.

Thus we come to the end of this column with the conclusion that we should list among Nevada City's benefactors the names of Mrs. Charles E. Parsons to whose zeal and civic spirit we owe in great measure the growing and beautiful custom of outdoor Christmas trees, and Mrs. Carl Libby, whose enthusiasm and skilled leadership has resulted in the organization of trained young singers whose chorals on Christmas eve gave the ancient festival new beauty.

STORM DAMAGE

Dan Stewart, superintendent of his division of the P. G. & E. company states a message came in that power was off at the Spanish mine above Washington. The telephone line is grounded so that no messages can be transmitted and Mr. Stewart does not know the extent of the damages.

PER CAPITA COST OF GOV'T. IN NEV. COUNTY, $35.61

The local governments of Nevada county spent an average of $35.61 for each man, woman and child in the county in 1934-35. according to findings of California Taxpayers' association. Of this $35,61. $5.42 went for general government, $2.31 for protection to persons and property, 32 cents for health and sanitation. $5.53 for streets, highways, and bridges, $3.97 for charities and corrections, $14.11 for education, $1,29 for recreation, 42 cents for miscellaneous, $2.24 for interest and redemption.

The per capita average expenditure of the local governments, cities, counties, schools, and special districts, for the entire state was $58.13, the association stated. Individual items averaged $4.51 for general government, $7.17 for protection to persons and property, $1.71 for health and sanitation, $5.53 for highways, $8.02 for charities and corrections, $20.03 for education, $1.30 for recreation, $1,-18 for miscellaneous, and $8.68 for debt payments. Total expenditures of all the local governments in California amounted to $370,183,809. more than a million dollars a day, the association found. Income of the local governments was $365,696,432 for the same year.

"Expenditures per capita for the several activities of the local governments varied widely from the averages. both in the amount for each item and in the distribution of the total," the association declared. "The element of efficiency, of course enters into costs. Some communities are undoubtedly able to get more for their money than others. In addition there is the element of local choice. One standard of service may be demanded in one area and a different one in another. Observable differences in roads, schools, police, sanitation, and other important functions of local government in different parts of the state do not seem to justify the wide variations found in expenditure. One can hardly escape the conclusion that much of the difference in per capita expenditure must reflect varying degrees of economy and efficiency rather than the quality of government."

BAD RECORD AGAINST ACCUSED CHECK FORGER

Having one of the worst criminal records that any man in the sheriff's custody has possessed for some time, Charles Barton is in the county jail here on fictitious check charges. Barton is charged with issuing a fictitious check at the Sierra Hotel and he must answer the charge in superior court. Judge W. L. Mobley sent Barton to jail when he was unable to put up bail. From the State Department of Criminal Identification Sheriff Tobiassen got Barton's record which showed he had been confined in twelve jails and in San Quentin and Folsom in recent years.

P. G. & E. WINS SUIT IN CONDEMNATION

Condemnation of a strip of land in the Grass Valley Township required by the P. G. and E. for a power line right of way was the matter in dispute in the case of Charles T. Law against the company. Law testified the land was worth $500 and the "severance value" worth $1500. Judge Tuttle rendered judgment fixing the value of the land taken at $500 and the damages at $200. Company witnesses had given the severance value as $100.

QUEEN LIL CUSTOM MILL RECONDITIONED

One more day of repairing and re-conditioning the Queen Lil custom mill will put it in shape for active work. The first ore is to be trucked from the Giant King mine at Washington and the snow storm may hold up ore trucking for a time. Hal D. Draper of Nevada City is in charge of the plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Tucker have as a holiday guest Mrs. Tucker's mother, Mrs. B. Mergen of Sparks, Nevada.

BODY FOUND, SNOW COVERED BY ROADSIDE

Coroner L. R. Jefford and local officers were notified a man named Johnson aged about 55 years, had been found dead about 100 yards from his cabin between the White Spot and the Lake Vera road north of Nevada City last evening. He was found by passersby at about five o'clock and had been dead a day or two. Reports are death was due to heart failure. The body was snow covered. He has resided in that section about six months.

DR. A. N. MORGAN CRITICALLY ILL

Word was received in Nevada City last evening that Dr. A. N. Morgan, local dentist, is critically ill in Rideout's hospital, Marysville. with pneumonia. A message from his bedside today states his condition is unchanged. Dr. Morgan and wife had evidently gone to Marysville to spend the holidays with his sister and he became ill. He is also a brother of Mrs. Grace Nilon of Nevada City.

BOURNE ESTATE BRINGS $225,000

SAN MATEO, Dec. 28.—It was reported today the palatial country estate Filoli, owned by the late W. B. Bourne, has been sold to W. P. Roth of the Matson Navigation company for $225,000.

The property consists of 750 acres overlooking Crystal Springs lakes. It includes a mansion, housing thousands of dollars worth of art treasures and furnishings.

The house is so large that at one time after a burglary it took several days to determine the actual loss.

Bourn was one of the most extensive property owners in California. He owned the famous Gold House at Grass Valley, whose foundations and interior stone work were made of gold bearing quartz and for years was the principal owner of the North Star mine.

IDAHO MAN, WANTED FOR FORGERY, NABBED

T. H. Woodruff, wanted in Idaho for forgery, was picked up at the checking station beyond Truckee Saturday afternoon by traffic patrol officers who were on the lookout for the stolen car he was driving. He was turned over to Deputy Sheriff T. Dolley of Truckee who brought him to the county jail at Nevada City.

Sheriff C. J. Tobiassen took charge of the case and notified Idaho officers. Woodruff, who had been in California 24 hours, started his homeward journey at six o'clock last evening.

THIEF ROBS CLOTHING STORE ON XMAS EVE

A robbery was committed at the store of Bennetts & Steel in Grass Valley on Christmas eve but much of the stolen goods were recovered early Christmas morning.

A thief broke through a small glass window in the rear of the Mill street store and gained entrance into the rear room in which merchandise is stored In this part of the store many wrapped packages were stored awaiting delivery, including overcoats, a tuxedo outfit, suit of clothes, etc. These the thief helped himself to and succeeded in making his getaway. Passing through a rear residence yard the thief made his way to the Elks property on School street and cached some of his loot under one of the cedar trees on the property. Here a man named Kelly spied the many bundles of clothing and reported the same and upon investigation it was found they were the property of Bennetts & Steel.

Word being sent to Joseph Bennetts of the firm he made a hasty investigation and learned that his store had been broken into and goods to the value of several hundred dollars taken.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Haddy and two daughters returned Wednesday from a visit of several days with relatives in Bakersfield.

HOTCHA RACKET QUITS AND MOVES

The Hotcha racket moved out of Nevada City this morning with no ceremony, no oratory and no fond farewells. Van DerKoolwyck, sponsor and promoter of this "entertainment", was not here. A trailer attached to a car stopped in front of the door and the electric roulette wheel and other apparatus for extracting easy money from the easily "amused" was loaded on. The suckers ceased to bite and the Hotcha business mosied out of town.

ROGER BABSON SAYS LOOK OUT! IN COMING BOOM

A note of warning to businessmen who would pull profits from prosperity is sounded by Roger W. Babson, economist and statstician, in the Rotarian Magazine.

"To my way of thinking", he says, "advertising and selling are going to play a tremendous part in the coming boom. Your sales department should be drilled into a 'prosperity psychology.' The minute the low point of a depression is reached, and the turn upwards toward better times comes, I become bullish on advertising. This bullinshess develops into a white heat as business reaches the normal line. It is in the normal zone that all the constructive forces of your organization should work and work in harmony."

Mr. Babson further urges that businessmen consider these important factors: Credits should be kept in order at all times. As prosperity proceeds there will be increasing shortage of skilled workers and executives; so investment in your personnel now should pay handrome dividends. Doing business in the prosperous days ahead without sound accounting and finance methods would be like fighting a fire with gasoline. If you must borrow, at least be free from debt one day of each year. Practical research in your business may mean the difference between profits and just breaking even.

"Strange as this may sound, less than 10 per cent of the businessmen of the United States actually pulled profits from the great 1929 boom! Remember this: "warns Mr. Babson, "whereas depression hits everybody, prosperity is always selective. Profit tickets are not passed out to all that enter the big tent of good times. In a period of business expansion you must work just as hard to assure profits as in a period of depression you must work hard to avert losses.

"Only four times during my 35 years of studying business conditions has the Babson-chart, on which I have spent over a million dollars in research, crossed the 'normal line' on its way upward. The first of these was in 1902-12, the second in 1915, and the third was 14 years ago, in 1922. The fourth has just occurred.

"At the start of this impending boom," he says in conclusion, "you all have a new set of books to open. This is the time when everybody starts from scratch but some—only scratch. The way to eliminate competition is not to meet it but to keep ahead of it."

FOOT TRACKS IN SNOW LEAD TO SUICIDE

Foot tracks in the snow led Mrs. Marie C. Webber today to the body of her husband, Herbert Harris Webber hanging from the rafters in the garage at the couple's home on the Idaho-Maryland road here.

Mrs. Webber said her husband, who had been despondent over ill-health, arose about 5 a. m. When he did not return to bed soon afterward she became alarmed. She saw one-way tracks leading to the garage She followed them and made the discovery.

Webber, 45 a lifelong resident of this district, was employed at the Empire mines. He worked Saturday night.

Coroner L. R. Jefford said no inquest will be held. Funeral services are to be held in the Jefford Funeral Chapel.

Snow Plows Battle Heavy Fall of Snow

Superintendent Fred Garrison of the local highway division, states snow plows and crews are working day and night to keep the highways open to travel. Four feet of snow were measured at the junction of the Washington and Tahoe-Ukiah highway east of Nevada City and at the junction with number 40 above Emigrant Gap there were four and a half feet this forenoon. The Nevada City Garage of this city has towed several cars out of Bear Valley since the storm started.

The Donner Summit and Yuba Pass are still open with five feet of snow at the Yuba Pass. Mr. Garrison warned that while all roads are open chains are needed on these mountain highways.

The Downieville stage with Mr. S. Fisher came through this morning and reported between 12 and 13 inches of snow on the ground in that city. Four inches of snow fell after the snow plow went through and the grades were slippery for the stage this morning.

The Alleghany stage changed to winter schedule today. one stage going out from Nevada City over the 40 mile route and one coming from Alleghany over the steepest and most dangerous road in the whole district. the Foote Grade. Snow has piled up and warnings were phoned to this city Sunday that the Foote road was the only one open and employees of the Plumbago mine had to walk to the mine near the city.

At the time of going to press the Washington mail carrier, E. J. Haverstock, had not made it through the snow to Nevada City with his mail, but is expected at any time.

Snow continues to fall in Nevada City and at one time it was about four inches deep and the storm turned off into rain and hail. partly melting the snow. Due to dry weather moisture is all sinking into the ground and creeks are not expected to rise for some time.

Steve Matteoda, United States mail carrier between Graniteville and Nevada City, came in at three o'clock this afternoon and states there were three feet of snow on the ground when he left and 20 inches at North Bloomfield. He said the road was not bad for traveling. Graniteville often has the deepest snow depths in Nevada county. Sometimes the snow reaches a depth of nine feet. People walk in and out of the second story windows of their homes. Very few peole remain for the winters any more but it is a busy little town all through the summer season. Mr. Matteoda put his stage on winter schedule November 1.

A tree blew down at the first turn entering Hills Flat from the east, and broke the telephone line into Grass Valley this morning. Communication was resumed within two hours. The telephone lines connecting Nevada City with Downieville, Bloomfield. Graniteville and Washington. however, went out Sunday and until the time of going to press were still out. Superintendent E. E. Hoff states that he has crews tracing the line and expects to have the break mended very shortly.

SACRAMENTO. Dec. 28.—Rescue of three car loads of vacationists, marooned in snow drifts on the northern shores of Lake Tahoe. was reported last night.

They were the first to be trapped this season in the high Sierra, now blanketed with snow ranging in depth from two to four feet.

Of the three groups, a Los Angeles business man, his woman companion from Carson City, Nev., and her 5 year old daughter were trapped in the blizzard that raged along the lake Saturday night and Sunday.

The driver, A. R. Munson of Los Angeles, tramped two miles through snow drifts for help. Two more carloads were rescued last night by a state snow plow crew.

Driving from Carson City toward Tahoe City, their auto skidded from the road and into a snow bank near Dollar Hill, four miles northeast of Tahoe City. Sweeping snow made visability impossible.

While the woman and child waited in the auto alone for more than two hours. Munson walked two miles to Bacchi's restaurant at Lake Forest.

There he telephoned A. M. Henry, Tahoe City garageman who rescued the waiting woman and child.

They and Munson were taken to Tahoe Inn. They left by stage last night for their homes.

Last night a state snow plow and tow car were dispatched to Brockway to pull another auto and truck from snow drifts in which they had become trapped.

In the auto were Lloyd Rees of Berkeley and another youth. The truck was driven by Bud Mandeville of Brockway.

After opening the road around the edge of the lake to Brockway, the crews were kept ready to go to the aid of others whose cars were likely to be blocked by snow drifts.

Snowfall closed the Truckee-Tahoe highway for a time yesterday morning, but the road later was re opened.

Last night the wind had died down but snow continued to fall steadily. Snow at Norden, summit on the road to Reno, was reported at 41 inches.

With the precipitation in Sacramento yesterday recorded at .13 in. Meteorologist E. H. Fletcher predicted clearing and cooler today, with showers.

Motorists were ordered to equip their cars with chains for the drive from Baxter to Truckee on the Sacramento-Reno highway, opened to one way traffic.

California highway crews were keeping the road open from Myers station on the southern end of Lake Tahoe to Tahoe City.

For the first time, Nevada began clearing the highway from the state line toward Carson City.

Meanwhile the Pacific storm moved southward with heavy seas pounding the coast off Los Angeles.

The Mexican mail liner Sinaloa and several smaller craft tore loose from their moorings and were driven into breakwaters.

Sacramento valley weathered the storm well. Telephone and P. G. & E. officials last night reported service to be normal again in both valley and mountains.

CAROL SINGERS AT TRINITY XMAS TREE

Parents as well as friends of the church were present last night at the Christmas tree entertainment held at eight o'clock for the members of Trinity Episcopal Sunday school. The program included more than 25 recitations and carol singers under direction of Mrs. Marian Libbey. Guests and Sunday school members also heard many solos and musical selections. Rev. Charles Washburn made a short address, and afterwards gifts were distributed to children of the Sunday school by Santa Claus.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hieronimus enjoyed a family reunion for Christmas and the week end. Those present were their daughter, Mrs. T. De Mati and Mr. DeMati, San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. John Ferry, San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. E. McCluskey and son, Alleghany.

DECISION OF JUDGE TUTTLE IS SUSTAINED

Three different rulings of Judge Raglan Tuttle of the Nevada County Superior Court made in the case of Alpha Stores, Ltd. vs. You Bet Mining company were sustained in the District Court of Appeal of the Third Appelate District.

The judgment in the case was for $15,815.17 and included two claims, that of the Alpha company for $8,-144.27 and $7.170.90 of the Nevada Irrigation District. Under the judgment the Alpha Stores were sold the You Bet property for the amount of the judgments and costs. The case was reopened by the appelant on objections to alleged irregularities in the service of a summons in the case and also in the levying of the writ of attachment.

Lawrence Calanan, of the Ray ranch, near North San Juan, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Simon Hieronimus in Nevada City.

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Peace In Our Ports!

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Not just a few ports, but the whole state of California has suffered immensely from the long tieup, suffered to the tune of millions. Shippers, farmers, merchants, workers, and the public have suffered.

Contrast that dismal picture with the bright report given out last week for another kind of transportation in which there have been no disruptions of service. It reads:

"In the first nine months of the year—the latest period for which information is now available—the 221,927 train and engine service employees on Class I railways received an average of $1,750.56 in wages, an increase of seven per cent over the same period a year ago—and for the entire year 1936 will approximate $2,400.

"The average train and engine service employee received $1,300.99 for straight time actually worked; $272.38 for straight time paid for but not worked; $135.12 for overtime; and $42.51 per month for a working month of approximately 23 days, or about $8.50 for each eight hours worked."

That's almost enough to make a man wish he had followed his boyhood ambition and become a railroad engineer. But actually, it does show what healthful prosperity there is in continuous, uninterrupted operation. It forms a sharp contrast to the story of jobless men, lost millions, and a suffering public that has been the result of this ship tieup.

May things hum again soon on our waterfronts, and may the peace that comes be permanent.—Contributed.

Creed, Pride and War

Why, people in all lands are asking—why is the world plunging toward inevitable war which no one, save a few professional sabre rattlers, really wants to fight?

Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, Germany's economic dictator, struck a basic note last week. Crier he: "We must have colonies."

It is as simple as greed, as fundamental as the will to survive. The "have nots" among world powers feel they must acquire some of what the "haves" possess in order to maintain their status as world powers; and the "haves" are unwilling to part with anything.

Six nations, including Britain, Russia, France and the United States, either own or hold a mortgage on two thirds of the earth. Japan, Italy and Germany are the "have nots."

So it is Germany, Italy and Japan that are stirring up all the trouble. The status quo does not suit them, and they cannot be sincere in any agreement to maintain it. Not all the people of these countries, mind you, but "the state," to which individuals are subordinate.

It is true these "have nots" could survive, perhaps even thrive, under the status quo by importing those vital raw materials they lack. It is true also that if they had extensive colonies, no great proportions of their peoples would leave to colonize.

But wider markets, and self sufficiency in war or peace they feel they must have. Why? It is simply that nations, especially those which have been great, suffer intensely at the thought of losing power, respect, and prestige among the nations.—Contributed.

Boom, Crash Again?

Remember the days of mid-depression when the nation's greatest need was optimism, when federal officials urged newspapers to co-operate by never even using the word "depression," and the President inspired a song about "Let's Have Another Cup of Coffee?"

How times have changed since that sad day. They're telling us now that we need more pessimism, lest the "boom" psychology run away with us, race to the heights and then crash as it did in 1929. Last week the eminent Professor Irving Fischer joined the cautioners to say, "the stage is now set for a boom and inflation."

It is good to be aware of this possibility, but actually there is no reason for the man on the street to worry about it. His one contribution to stability can be only to urge economy on the government, since federal borrowing inflates the credit structure.

There is, however, much that the government can do. It can affect the supply of funds through open-market operations of the Federal Reserve, or raise reserve requirements of member banks. It can regulate stock market margins.

But will congressmen have the courage to apply the brakes to a boom that looks so good to voters? The big test may come soon.

Anyway, the chances for a "level" prosperity are better now than at any time in history. Never before has the government had these powers to apply. And the very appearance of editorials like this one, when things look so bright, indicates that our attitude is saner than in 1929—that we are keeping in mind the time we had our fingers burned.—Contributed.

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SACRAMENTO, Dec. 28. — The board of consulting engineers of the Central Valleys Water Project completed a study of the surveys on three proposed sites for the dam in the Kennett division and prepared a report for the bureau of reclamation engineer at Denver, Colorado. Unofficial sources indicated that the site at Kennett is preferable to the Table Mountain and Baird sites.

Fifty five state departments, divisions and bureaus have applied for 1937-38 budget appropriations totaling $66,902,845, an increase of $13,003,000 over the 1936-37 budget. State Finance Director Arlin E. Stockburger already has started pruning these requests down, however, so that the budget will meet the demand of Governor Marriam for no increase in expenditures. Separately, the highway commission has prepared a budget for $73,000,000 of which $13,000,000 is for new roads in northern California counties. Details will remain secret until presented to the legislature.

Bids for grading the landing field at the new $7,000,000 army air base here have been called for January 15. Congressman Frank H. Buck has urged labor to give attention to training of young men in the skilled crafts, because, he said, federal construction projects planned in this district will tax the labor resources of all northern California. The California Fruit Exchange announced payment of a refund of $362,000 to approximately 6,500 member growers as the balance of the company's 1930 earnings. Forest fires in California during 1936 burned 721,638 acres of land causing property damage of $1,287,754, the forestry department reported. There were 3,365 fires.

Eagle Boy Scouts from all over the nation are heading for Sacramento this week to attend the national conclave of the Knights of Dunamis, organization of Boy Scouts who have won the highest honor of scouting. The convention will be in session here December 28 to 30.

Members of the 1937 senate and assembly stand three to two against the suggested one-house legislature for California. A civil service examination for surgical nurse in a state institution has been called for January 30. Five corporations last week filed sut here for return of sales taxes paid under protest. Reports have reached the capitol that Democrats, planning their 1938 campaign in California, are considering a law eliminating tolls on the San Francisco-Oakland bay bridge.

Sacramento has been selected as the district headquarters for the bureau of air commerce and Charles Walker placed in charge as inspector. The district extends from Bakersfield to the Oregon line. The move is expected to increase air traffic at the local port 25 per cent.

The state unemployment reserves commission estimates it will collect $75,000,000 in unemployment insurance fund contributions during the 1937-39 biennium. California public ownership advocates are uniting behind Grange leaders to sponsor a comprehensive revenue bond bill at the coming legislative session. Two bills to regulate horse racing and gambling are being prepared by legislators, according to capitol reports. A contract for $118,588 worth of further improvement of the Donner summit highway along the shores of Donner Lake was awarded by Earl Lee Kelly, state director of public works, last week.

Governor Merriam and Leland Cutler, San Francisco civic leader and president of the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition, conferred here this week on the state's participation in the world fare. Cutler said the exposition will open in February of 1939 and run for 280 days.

Cutler will be speaker at the annual joint dinner of the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce and Sacramento Junior Chamber of Commerce in Hotel Senator January 6.

REGISTRATION OF CARS OPENS JAN. 2

California motor car owners to the number of more than two million will find the renewing of automobile registration and securing new license plates for 1937 a first order of business immediately after the New Year holiday. The period for renewal of registration will open January 2 and continue to midnight, February 4. Under the law there can be no extension and delinquent penalties will be imposed upon those who fail to apply within the time limit.

Rewenal time will offer little if any difficulty to car owners who observe a few simple rules of procedure and apply before the last minute rush of applications sets in.

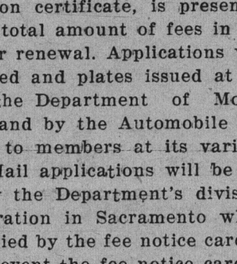
Emphasis is given to the importance of carefully preserving the postcard notice mailed by the Department of Motor Vehicles showing the total fees to be paid, consisting of the regular registration fee of $3 for private passenger automobiles and the additional license fee or "in lieu" tax, based on car valuation.

This card, together with the 1936 registration certificate, is presented with the total amount of fees in applying for renewal. Applications will be received and plates issued at offices of the Department of Motor Vehicles and by the Automobile Association to members at its various offices. Mail applications will be received by the Department's division of registration in Sacramento when accompanied by the fee notice card.

In the event the fee notice card is lost. or not received for some reason, the applicant presents the registration certificate. From the certificate the amount of "in lieu" tax due at $1.75 per $100 of valuation, as fixed by the Department's valuation book. will be computed.

The "in lieu" tax having replaced the personal property tax on motor vehicles, it will not be necessary to have the registration certificate stamped by the assessor, as was the case last renewal period.

Turkey For New Years!



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CHILDREN'S PARTY

Mrs. DeWitt Nelson delightfully entertained Wednesday with a Christmas party for fifteen children of the Tahoe National Forest Service employees of this city. A joyous time was spent in playing games for which prizes were awarded to winners. Dainty refreshments were served, at the close of the happy little affair.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS PARTY

Ahdenah Camp Fire Girls will enjoy a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Leland Smith on Clay street tomorrow evening. A social time and games will be enjoyed and the happy affair is being looked forward to with keen interest by the group of girls. and officers.

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REMODELING HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. George Brailey have purchased the old Cohn home on Grove street in this city and are remodeling and repairing it. A road to the garage to the east of the house, is to be repaired giving them a good delivery. There are a two story, old house and two and a quarter acres of ground in the property. The ground is being cleared of the brush. Mrs. Brailey is a niece of Andrew and George Carey on the same street, and moved here for her health several years ago from Butte, Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson of San Francisco, who came up to attend the funeral of Mrs. Johnson's brother, the late Charles Guenther, left for their home Sunday, stopping over in Elk Grove a few hours to visit relatives of Mr Johnson.

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UPWARD TREND FOR FARM CROPS IS FORECAST

(By RALPH H. TAYLOR)

SACRAMENTO. Dec. 28.—Broadened markets, due to a lessening of financial stringency in the cities and the mounting whir of new business and industry, give promise that the march toward farm recovery will continue in California during 1937—steadily and surely, but perhaps not as rapidly as the more superlative New Year's forecasts may indicate.

Although any farm prophesy is necessarily subject to all the whims of nature and fluctuating markets, plus the hazards of industrial wars at home and wars between nations abroad, the New Year looks definitely better than the old for most commodities.

In all probability, however, the price of commodities and services used in agricultural production will average a little higher during 1937, according to predictions of the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and the farmer must expect higher operating costs to serve as a partial offset to higher income.

Wage scales, for example, are expected to rise with a continuance of the upward trend in demand for workers in non-agricultural activities. Likewise, prices paid by farmers for seed already have advanced sharply. Feed prices may be expected to soar somewhat, with farm machinery, fertilizer and building supplies also slated for price increases.

The farm outlook for major crops and commodities, as gauged by state and federal experts, shapes up as follows:

DAIRY PRODUCTS — Increased consumer demand and some rise in prices; the prospect for the next several years is for further increases in the consumption of fluid milk, cream and ice cream; there should be a rise in butter prices in relation to prices of other commodities.

COTTON—Indications of a larger cotton crop in 1937. With prospects of a further reduction in world carry-over of American cotton, the 1937 United States crop could be increased somewhat without damage to price structure. If the 1937 crop increase, however, should substantially exceed the prospective reduction in carry-over, it would tend to reduce prices unless demand on the home market increased sharply.

FRUITS—Prospect of rising volume of production and increasing sales. Possible slight decline in the total apple and pear production will be offset by larger production of citrus fruits, grapes and cherries. The citrus industry may expect declining prices as the crop increases. Apple and peach growers might expect some improvement in price. Consumer demand for all fruits is such that large crops tend to bring about the same gross income as small crops.

TRUCK CROPS—Larger production expected than the record high volume of 1936. It is expected that further improvement in consumer buying power will about offset the effects of increased supplies and maintain prices at about 1936 levels.

CATTLE—General upward trend in cattle production predicted for next few years. Because of reduced hog supplies in prospect for next two years, the cattle industry will be in a rather favorable position. Further improvement in demand for beef and veal, which has been increasing since 1933, is expected. A good demand for replacement stock of all kinds is in prospect next spring if crop and pasture conditions are fairly normal, forecasting high prices for cows and heifers.

POULTRY — Smaller marketings of poultry and turkeys predicted for 1937, following heavy production and sales this year. Egg marketings are expected to increase, however.

WOOL—Stocks of wool both in this country and in foreign countries will probably be below average at beginning of the domestic wool-marketing year in April. A moderate decline in demand by domestic mills is possible, but may be avoided if urban business continues its ratio of improvement.

WHEAT—Large surplus of wheat and lower prices forecast for 1937 if near-normal yields are produced. Crop considerably in excess of domestic needs is expected with prices declining toward an export basis. The acreage seeded to wheat for the 1936 crop was the second largest on record.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Robinson of Hollywood spent Christmas in Nevada City with Mrs. Robinson's relatives. She will be remembered as Miss Hazel Jepsen in this city. Mr. Robinson is one of the announcers over the radio in Hollywood.

ICKES FORECASTS FUTURE FOR PWA

(By HAROLD ICKES)

Secretary of the Interior and PWA Administrator

I am thoroughly convinced that the soundest possible public policy at a time of economic depression is the prompt undertaking of a far-fung program of substantial public work.

I am firmly convinced that if we had had a program of public works ready to embark upon when this administration came into power in March of 1933, and if Congress had promptly appropriated, not three billions of dollars but a much greater sum with which to undertake that program, we would have experienced recovery much earlier and in greater volume than we have had it.

I believe that the Public Works Administration should be made a permanent agency of government. As you may perhaps know, the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works will expire by limitation of law on June 30 next. On that date many projects will be uncompleted. Necessarily a law should be passed at least giving PWA time within which to complete the task that it has already undertaken.

But for my part, I am hoping for more than this. Even if the necessity for a continuation of building on the present scale no longer exists, we must think of the future. There is no assurance, based upon the past that we will not find ourselves in another depression in the years to come. We hope that this will not be the case, but probably there exists in the hearts of all of us a lurking fear that, after all, this hope is just a hope.

If there should be another depression we must not be unprepared as we were when the last one struck us. As an irreducible minimum we should maintain a public works general staff. We should have a reservoir of well considered, carefully planned projects, work on which could be undertaken as soon as the necessity arose and money was made available for them.

Now, as to the immediate future of public works, and here also I am expressing only my personal views: I believe that it will be necessary to round out and complete our program by making allocations for limited additional projects. We are working with that end in view. However, I believe that PWA should immediately set about to retrench all along the line. I am not in favor of approving projects for states or the communities to which a large measure of prosperity has already returned.

Moreover, I do not believe that our grants ought uniformly to be 45 per cent or any other fixed percentage of the cost of a project. We ought to inquire painstakingly into the financial ability of the local community and if we find that local resources are such that the project applied for can be built with a grant of less than 45 per cent—then we ought to give only such a grant as is needed.

There is another public function which PWA might properly perform. Take the case of a municipality where the banks are insisting upon an unreasonably high interest rate as a condition precedent to floating a bond issue for a school or a sewage system or some other needed improvement. In such an instance PWA might very well offer to take the bonds of that municipality at a reasonable rate and thus prevent it from being bludgeoned into paying an exhorbitant rate of interest.

It will be realized at once that such policies as I have suggested would mean that wide discrtionary powers should be lodged in the administrator of public works.

One important task will be to educate, not only the people, but those who are in public life, that help ought to be related to need. It would be a major misfortune if public works should ever degenerate into a pork barrel.

Housing is the most vital social challenge before us today. PWA with its demonstrational program of some 50 projects has made a start. We may now consider the future of housing as a program to be improved, modified and perfected against the recovery background of 1937 and not the depression background of 1933.

SYMS FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. Bert L. Syms of this city enjoyed a happy family reunion Christmas day with all of their children home for the first time in about thirteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Syms of near Auburn and Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Farmer and son, Robert of Nevada City and Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Smith of Grand Coulee Dam, Washington, were present. This is the first time the family has all been together in about twelve years and it proved a most delightful occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Smith motored to Nevada City surprising the entire family.

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Personals
LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Ella M. Austin, county superintendent of schools, left Thursday for San Francisco to spend Christmas with her son, Bert Austin and Mrs. Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Larsen of North Bloomfield spent Christmas in Nevada City with Mr. Larsen's parents, Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Carl T. Larsen.

Mrs. A. J. Mitchell and daughter, Barbara Jean, of San Luis Obispo are spending the holidays at the home of Mrs. Mitchell's sister, Mrs. William Holland on Broad street.

Latest reports from Mrs. George Gildersleeve, who was called to Napa on account of the illness of her mother, is that her mother remains critically ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Justin Hearst and children of Tonopah, Nevada, are spending the holidays in Nevada City with relatives.

Mrs. Ida Guenther accompanied her daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Epperson, to Bakersfield Saturday. where she will visit for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leiter and niece, Miss Evelyn Bailey. returned Sunday evening from several days vacation in the bay region with relatives. Mr. Leiter stated there were sixty cars stalled for several hours at the foot of Lady Jane ranch grade south of Grass Valley last evening, the snow having made the ground too slippery for them to climb the steep grade.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Lageson and son, Gordon, spent Christmas in Sacramento with friends. Master Gordon Lageson, aged three weeks, is looking forward with keen delight to snow sports with his new sleigh today.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rose of the Fashion Shop spent Christmas day in Lodi visiting with Mrs. Rose's mother over the holiday.

Andrew Carey. who is employed in the mill at the Plumbago mine at Alleghany, spent Christmas in Nevada City with relatives and friends. He made the trip back over several inches of snow over the steep, narrow Foote road Sunday.

Miss Ellen Curtis of Sacramento spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clemente Muscardini of Clay street.

Friends in Nevada City have received a message from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tredennick at Clarkston. Washington, stating they are having a fine time with their daughter and family.

Miss Glayds Snyder, Camp Fire Girls executive of the bay district, has sent word that she will be at Camp Augusta the coming week end arriving the 31st to spend New Years at camp with a large group of girls.

Ranger Frank McCaslan and Emerson Varin came in from North Bloomfield this afternoon. The sturdy commercial truck shoved its way along through two feet of snow in places on its way to this city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Haddy had as guests Mrs. Haddy's brother, Marvin Everett, and wife of Flint, Mich. They spent three days in Nevada City leaving Christmas day for southern California for a short visit before returning home.

H. B. Williams, miner of Grove street is suffering from an infected foot. He is under the care of Dr. W. W. Reed.

NOVEMBER TREND OF BUSINESS UP

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Bank of America's index of far western business conditions for November moved ahead of the October level and reached the highest point since July 1931, according to the current issue of the bank's Business Review.

The Noveber 1936 Index stood at 78, a gain of .6 per cent over October and 7.4 per cent over November 1935. The Index at the present time stands 23.3 points, or 42.6 per cent, above the depression low of March 1933.

California's manufacturing industries registered a 7.6 per cent gain in November employment compared with the same month in 1935. Payrolls and average weekly earnings of employes were up 17.5 per cent and 9.2 per cent compared with November a year ago. Employment and payrolls in November 1936 were 7.8 per cent and 5.9 per cent lower than in the previous month of October.

Building permits issued in 32 representative California cities totaled $11,817,062 during November, a gain of $4,464,731 or 60.7 per cent. over 1935. Eleven month permits this year totaled $141.845,351, up $59(595,737, or 72.5 per cent, compared with the same period last year.

November retail sales of department stores in California were estimated 1.8 per cent higher than in 1935 while sales in eleven months of 1936 were about 10.3 per cent above the sales for the corresponding eleven months in 1935.

Bank debits in 15 California cities averaged 6.5 per cent greater in November of the current year compared with last year. Debits up to December 1. 1936 were about 16.9 per cent above the 1935 debits for the came period. The November level this year was 8.3 per cent below October.

The November index of California farm prices soared to the highest level in 73 months, revealing a gain of 18 per cent over November 1935 and an increase of 90 per cent over the low point of the depression, the Bank of America Business Review reports.

FOOTHILL NEWS
BY THE RIDGE RUNNER

NORTH SAN JUAN, Dec. 28.—Dear Editor: I just read in the big news that 24 year old Jane Borsch of Helena, Ark., is regaining her eyesight. She has been blind for twenty years and the doctors are unable to say why nature is righting the impairment left by a childhood illness. But Jane isn't questioning Nature's methods because she is too happy at the realization she soon be able to see again.

Did I ever tell you about my Aunt Cordelia, Boss. She and my uncle Hy live down in Dog Holler, Missouri. Uncle Hy runs a real old-fashioned country store where you can buy anything you need like a peck of potatoes, a chaw of tobacco or a pair of galluses. Aunt Cordy helps Uncle Hy in the store once in awhile but most of the time she is puttering around the house canning fruit, preserving or making jells.

But my Aunt's favorite occupation is "curing" people of something or other. Honest to goodness, Boss. that woman should have been a doctor. Now take this Jane Borsch case for an example. It remind me of Aunt Cordy's Indian Eye Water remedy. She told me one time when I was down there that she paid an old Indian woman in the Cherokee Nation fifty cents for this prescription. She will not, however, let her own family know its full composition so I can't give you the receipt even you asked me for it.

But I do know, that among other ingredients, she stews up some gum arabic, salt and water to a certain point then puts in a bottle and shakes it until her side-combs fall out. Uncle Hy uses it to remove film from horses's eyes and Aunt Cordy cured the preacher of inflamed eyelids with only two applications, as they saying is, after he had "tried everything else."

There is just one thing I like about living up here in the mountains, Boss, and that is I can always find something to write about. Now when I woke up this morning it was snowing and by the time we had breakfast it was raining and by the middle of the afternoon the wind was blowing a gale. And such a gale!

The blasts swept in over the hills and played hide and seek up and down the chimney on our hut. Our stove is a pitiful relic of the days of '49 and resented the wind's playful mood. It choked and backfired and flames jumped out all around the lids and reached for the ceiling. Blue smoke filled every room and all day long our eyes streamed with tears and we coughed until our ears rang.

We pleaded with that stove, Boss. even tried scolding it. Then we put the oven in neutral, the damper in high and burned our fingers working all the gadgets but no luck. Every time the house would warm up a little we would have to open the windows and doors to let the smoke out. We got so cold we took the blankets off the beds, wrapped them around our shoulders and played Eskimo.

And I'm telling you if this wind doesn't let up by dinner time we will complete the picture by eating our fish raw.

XMAS BONUS FOR ACME BREWERIES EMPLOYEES

Karl F. Schuster, president, Acme Breweries, Inc., San Francisco. announced the distribution of a Christmas bonus of $25,000 divided among all employees who have been with the company for one year or longer, besides the gift of a dressed turkey to everyone in the company's employ.

The Next Depression
(By Clayton Rand)

With the government spending money like a drunken sailor, and normal business staggering to its feet again, the prophets predict another boom for 1939 and another depression for 1940.

One never knows exactly when business is good or when it is bad. We thought it good in 1928 when it was really rotten—it may be good when we think it bad.

At any rate this much is reasonably sure, that man is smart who makes hay while the sun shines and gets his barn full for the next financial drouth.

That business man who is making the most of his golden opportunities is now advertising to the limit in his local newspaper—cashing in while the going is good.

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TRIAL SET FOR EDITOR ACCUSED OF LIBELING F.D.R.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—The constitutional rights of a free press are involved in criminal libel proceedings brought against P. Milton Smith, editor of the Mountain View (Calif.) Register-Leader, in a case which has attracted national interest because of its far-reaching implications.

Smith, veteran publisher of one of California's leading country weeklies, was arrested December 10 on a charge of libeling President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The warrant was sworn to by Horace Beales, president of the Mountain View Patriotic league, who likened the attack on the President to "anarchy."

The complaint, which Smith branded as "an attempt to muzzle me—to end the freedom of the press," was based on an editorial printed in the Register-Leader November 27 in which he termed the President "a man universally hated for a smiling hypocrite, a mounteback of the lowest order and the biggest "false alarm" since the creation of man."

Replying to the charges, Smith asserted "That's not criminal libel. That is the expression of an opinion and I have a right to express my opinion and I have a right to express inion of a public officer. It makes no criminal charge against the President. Even though this is only a weekly newspaper, I have every right to publish my opinion as has the editor of any newspaper in the country," he declared, "and when they attempt to stop me they are interfering with my constitutionally guarantted rights."

In San Francisco, where District Attorney Fred L. Thomas of Santa Clara county conferred with United States Attorney M. H. McPike, the latter expressed the opinion that the charges against Editor Smith were "too puny" to be further prosecuted, especially in the face of the fact that 85 per cent of the newspapers of the country had criticized Roosevelt prior to election and nothing had been done about them. Preliminary hearing of the case, however, was postponed until January 12, with neither side moving for dismissal of the charges.

Editorial oponion on the case, as expressed by numerous California newspapers, was unanimous in te belief that Smith had not exceeded his rights in frankly expressing his opinion of the President, although a few editors held that his words may have been ill-chosen.

The Mountain View Register-Leader is one of California's largest, most substantial weekly newspapers. It was founded 48 years ago by the late Frank Bacon, the renowned "Lightnin' actor. Smith has been editor and publisher for the last 32 years.

MAC BOYLE BUYS RANCH

Erroll MacBoyle, general manager and interested in the Idaho-Maryland mines at Grass Valley, has purchased a farm in the Napa Valley of about 1,000 acres for $100,000 from a man by the name of Nichgawa. There is a winery on the ranch and this with the rest of the property will be reconditioned. It is badly run down and will require considerable work to be put in shape.

Christmas Carols
By Katherine Edelman

WARREN ELMORE was mad—angry through and through. For the first time in his business career he had had a quarrel with his partner. Of course it had been all Peter's fault, but even that thought didn't help so very much. The old saying, "It takes two to make a quarrel" kept bothering him.

What was it that his wife had told him to get at Grant's? He asked himself the question as he entered the big department store. Hose for Muriel, that was it! Bother Christmas shopping, anyway; why didn't Beverly tend to things herself?

As he walked down the crowded aisles, he was conscious of music from the balcony. An orchestra was up there playing Christmas carols. Warren Elmore forgot his peeve against the world; he hurried up and joined the happy crowd. His voice joined in "O Little Town of Bethlehem." It was followed by the glorious "Adeste Fideles." Then came "Silent Night." As its beautiful strains filled the store Warren Elmore was conscious that all anger was disappearing from his heart . . . He wanted to get back to the office, to slap old Peter on the back, and tell him they were a pair of fools for letting such a small thing interfere with their friendship . . .

And man-like, he purchased six pairs of hose for Muriel instead of three on the way out. A store that took time and thought for Christmas carols should be rewarded a little bit, he believed.

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SOCIAL EVENTS
PARTIES, WEDDINGS and CLUB NOTES

Miss Margaret Thomas Weds Bert Steele

Miss Margaret Thomas of Nevada City and Mr. Bert Steele of Grass Valley surprised their many friends by quietly slipping away the day before Christmas and being married in Reno, Nevada. Christmas eve.

The attractive little bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas of Silva avenue and a graduate of the Nevada City high school and Mt. St. Mary's academy in Grass Valley. She is in the employ of the Rose Fashion Shop in this city.

The bridegroom came from Washington state and has resided in Grass Valley for some time. He is employed at the new Standard service station at the foot of Broad street in Nevada City.

They will reside in this city. A host of friends wish them every happiness.

SLIPS, BREAKS WRIST

Mrs. Will Holland of Broad street slipped in the snow on the steps of her home Sunday and broke three bones in her right wrist. Dr. H. N. March of Grass Valley X-rayed the wrist and gave treatment for the painful injury.

Correct Glasses — W. P. Sawyer, M. D. Ott Bldg., Nevada City.

There will be a New Years eve dance lasting from dusk to dawn, at Lake Olympia. The new management is giving away several hundred dollars worth of noisemakers, horns. serpentine and there is promise of fun galore. Herman Sapiros famous band from the Roosevelt hotel in Hollywood will furnish the music.

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DANCE
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